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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO

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SUBJECT: OPIUM: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SISCO' S TESTIMONY
BEFORE HAMILTON SUB- COMMITTEE

1. HAVING LEARNED THAT YOU MAY BE TESTIFYING THIS WEEK BEFORE THE HAMILTON SUB- COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW ABOUT AN INTERESTING TALK I HAD WITH SABIT OSMAN AVCI, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, ON MARCH 5. IT WAS ONE OF MY FAREWELL CALLS AND I EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION FOR THE GREAT DECISION TURKEY HAD TAKEN TO BAN OPIUM POPPY PLANTING. I BELIEVE YOU MIGHT CONSIDER RELAYING TO THE SUB- COMMITTEE THE ESSENCE OF AVCI' S REMARKS, FOR THEY CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE FIRMEST ASSURANCES I HAVE HAD VOLUNTEERED TO ME THAT THERE WILL BE NO BACKING DOWN ON TURKEY' S DECISION.

2. AVCI EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TURKS TO RUMINATE OVER THEIR MAJOR DECISIONS AT GREAT LENGTH,
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ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT AFFECTED THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF THE COUNTRY. THIS HAD BEEN THE CASE WITH ATATURK' S GREAT REFORMS, INCLUDING THE ABOLISHMENT OF THE CALIPHATE, THE INTRODUCTION OF A ROMAN ALPHABET, THE BANNING OF THE FEZ, ECT.

3. AVCI SAID THAT THE OPIUM BANNING DECISION FELL INTO THAT SAME CATEGORY. TO THINK THAT THE TURKS WOULD REVERSE THIS HISTORIC DECISION WOULD BE TO JUDGE THAT THEY WOULD ALSO RE- ESTABLISH THE CALIPHATE AND RETURN TO ARABIC LETTERS FOR THEIR WRITING SYSTEM. IT WAS INCONCEIBALE, IN OTHER WORDS (I NOTE THAT SIMILAR PHRASEOLOGY AND LINE OF THOUGHT WERE EVIDENT IN EARLIER PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY PRIMIN MELEN AND PRES SUNAY IN DECLARING INTENTION TOO MAINTAIN BAN).

4. AVCI INCIDENTALLY WENT ON TO SAY THAT THREE THINGS SHOULD DESIRABLY BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT THE DECISION OF TURKEY WAS NOT FUTILE AND WORKED OUT WELL FOR THE WORLD. FIRST, OTHER INVOLVED COUNTRIES SHOULD BE PRESSED CONTINUOUSLY TO DO THEIR BEST TO CUT PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING IN DRUGS. SECOND, THE MOST RIGOROUS CONTROLS SHOULD BE PLACED OVER THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE NEW SYNTHETICS. THIRD, THE US SHOULD SHOW ITS FRIENDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD THAT IT TOO IS DOING ITS BEST TO CONTROL TRAFFICKING AND THE RISE IN ADDICTION WITHIN THE US. HANDLEY UNQUOTE ROGERS

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